

## RUDOLPH AND JOHNSTON NAMED COMMISSIONERS

Appointments Decided Upon Today and Sent to the Senate for Approval by President Taft.

PROMPT CONFIRMATION EXPECTED; MAY BE SWORN IN BEFORE FEB. 1

Predecessors in Office Express Pleasure Over Nominations—Major Judson Congratulates the District of Columbia—Rudolph Probably Chairman of New Board.



Cuno H. Rudolph.



Gen. John A. Johnston.

To be Commissioners of the District of Columbia, President Taft today nominated: Cuno H. Rudolph and Gen. John A. Johnston, both of the District of Columbia.

The opinion prevails that the nominations will be confirmed with reasonable speed. The new Commissioners will be able to take the oaths of office, it is expected, within ten or fifteen days, or not later than February 1.

The name of Cuno H. Rudolph is placed first of the two nominations. This will carry with it, it is assumed, the presidency of the board of Commissioners.

Mr. Rudolph, when told that his nomination as Commissioner had been sent to the Senate by President Taft this morning, said: "I am greatly pleased by the confidence the President has placed in me in making this appointment."

"If the Senate confirms my appointment I shall at all times endeavor to do the best for the greatest number of citizens in the District and shall endeavor to act always in the interests of the District of Columbia itself."

### JOHNSTON WITHDREW DECLINATION TO SERVE.

With Cuno H. Rudolph already decided upon as Commissioner, President Taft had narrowed the list of possibilities for selection as the other civil Commissioner to two candidates, Gen. Johnston and Creed M. Fulton, as announced in The Star.

He decided late yesterday, however, to dispose of the matter as quickly as possible. Today he had a brief conference with Mr. Rudolph and received messages from several Washington men, including John Jay Edson.

Senator Taylor of Tennessee, who conferred with him on this and several other matters, ascertained that the President had made up his mind to name Gen. Johnston. Before noon the two nominations were on their way to the Senate, quickly settling the White House end of the fight after a consideration running over eight or seven weeks.

### President Has Moved Slowly.

The President has been deliberate and careful in the whole matter, having given unusual time to reaching a decision. He admitted, in his talks with Washington people and others interested in the candidates, that he was not thoroughly posted as to District men of prominence and was deeply desirous of making two selections that would be of greatest benefit and value to the whole District.

That he might do this he listened to words of praise and criticism of the different men proposed.

His selection of Cuno H. Rudolph was reached early in view of the practically unanimous endorsement of Mr. Rudolph by leading District men and others. It is a singular and deserving tribute to Mr. Rudolph that, after his virtual selection was announced in The Star, not a single name was raised in opposition to him. Everybody told the President that the choice was a good one and could not have been better.

Messrs. Merriam, Hemphill, Thomas and several others near to the goal were put out of business by tomahawks more or less well sharpened.

### Johnston Persuaded to Accept.

The President has stated that he originally wished to nominate Gen. Johnston could not be persuaded to take the place. Upon that information he dropped the name from his list and turned to others.

Yesterday morning he received an intimation that Gen. Johnston might accept. He sent an emissary to find out whether this was so.

The report came back that Gen. Johnston had reconsidered, owing to the many friends who had urged him to do so. That settled the matter with the President.

The President had been advised by some of his callers that Gen. Johnston's nomination might lead to the criticism that two military men were upon the board of Commissioners, or that Gen. Johnston's long military training and occupation might lead to brusque methods in dealing with District citizens asking consideration of the District building.

Friends of Gen. Johnston today informed the President that despite his wealth and military life he was democratic and approachable, and that he would prove popular with District people.

### Johnston Not on Retired List.

The suggestion that Gen. Johnston could not be nominated because the law calls for two civilians met with no consideration, in view of the fact that Gen. Johnston resigned from the army



### Arranged Inaugural Parades.

Because of his acknowledged abilities in the organization and details of large military movements, including parades, he invariably has been called on to assist in the arrangements for inauguration parades in this city for many years. He was the principal assistant to the chief marshals and practically organized and managed the parades on the occasions of the inaugurations of Presidents Cleveland in 1893, McKinley in 1897 and 1901, Roosevelt in 1905 and Taft in 1909. He was chief of staff to the chief marshal at most of these military functions. His excellent services as chief of staff to the grand marshal at the inauguration of President Taft brought forth much favorable comment from many of those who were thrown in contact with him during their official duties in connection with the inaugural ceremonies.

### Family and Home.

Gen. and Mrs. Johnston's family consists of their son-in-law and daughter, Capt. George T. Sumner, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Sumner.

Their home, 2111 Massachusetts avenue, N. W., was built by Senator Edmunds in 1905 and occupied by him for several years. Later it was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Vandergrift, who spent several happy years there with their daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, and her two daughters and son, Capt. Schuyler C. Vandergrift.

After Gen. Johnston bought the house he made many changes, including a large addition in the rear, which brought it up to the spaciousness of other large residences in its vicinity. Mrs. Townsend's home and grounds adjoin the Johnston home on the west.

Gen. and Mrs. Johnston and their son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Sumner, have participated in a marked degree in social life. A winter or two ago Mrs. Johnston and her daughter entertained a great deal of their young relative, Miss Alice Vandergrift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Vandergrift, whose home is now on 18th street.

### Credible Army Record.

Gen. Johnston had a most credible record in the army covering a period of nearly thirty years. Born in Allegheny, Pa., February 22, 1838, he was graduated from the United States Military Academy in June, 1859, and from the Infantry and Cavalry schools in 1861.

He was an honor graduate at the latter institution. His first field service was in the 8th Cavalry, in which he served as second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain from June, 1879, until May, 1898, a period of nineteen years. In May, 1898, he was transferred to the adjutant general's department, with the rank of major.

He served continuously and efficiently in that department until January, 1902, when he was appointed a brigadier general of the line by President Roosevelt in special recognition of his meritorious services in the various military duties assigned him.

He held the rank of lieutenant colonel at the time of his promotion to brigadier general. He was then assigned to the adjutant general's office at the War Department and performed prodigious work. He had special charge of the organization and muster in and out of the volunteer forces raised for service in that short war, as well as of the volunteers raised for the Philippine insurrection from 1898 to 1901.

Subsequently he was in charge of the reorganization of the recruiting service of the regular army incident to the authorized increase in the summer of 1902. He served until January, 1903, when he attended the extensive maneuvers of the German army as a representative of the United States Army, and was entertained by Emperor William. He made reports of those maneuvers which are regarded as classics at the War Department.

### Old Indian Fighter.

While attached to the 8th Cavalry Gen. Johnston had hard and dangerous service on the western frontier from 1879 until 1897. Most of those sixteen years were spent by him in exciting campaigns against hostile Indians in Texas and South Dakota.

From 1883 to 1885 he was instructor in the art of war and military engineering at the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth.

From 1887 to 1891 he was instructor in history, law and tactics at the West Point Military Academy. From 1893 to 1895 he was in charge of mounted instruction at the cavalry depot, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

## HEAVY SNOW IS DUE

Big Downfall Forecasted for District of Columbia.

### BAD NIGHT IS PREDICTED

Temperature Is Expected to Drop Twenty Degrees.

### STORM WARNINGS SENT OUT

High Winds Along Entire Atlantic Seaboard Will Menace Shipping.

Storm Is Widespread.

"The worst of yesterday's storm is yet to come. It will continue tonight and part of tomorrow."

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### Philadelphia Escapes Snow.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—To the great relief of the transportation companies and others depending upon them, the predicted blizzard proved to be a sleet storm, causing no interruption to railroad or street car traffic.

The city is veneered in ice, making walking extremely difficult.

### Richmond Closes Schools.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 6.—The sleet storm is causing havoc here. Streets, trees and buildings are shrouded in ice.

The public schools were closed this morning for the day. Dozens of persons have fallen and several were stunned or suffered broken limbs. Over a score of horses and mules have been killed.

Stalls in the city are crowded with these extraordinary conditions. Many telephone and telegraph wires are down and trolley wires are broken.

### Many States Snowed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 6.—Snow today covers the greater portion of Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas, with traces as far south as northern Mississippi and Alabama.

In Louisville the snow is nearly a foot, the heaviest in many years. A precipitation of eight inches is reported in Memphis.

According to the weather bureau, the snow is heaviest in the northwestern part of the entire territory east of the Rockies as far east as a line drawn from Shreveport, La., where one inch fell, to Buffalo, N. Y.

In some parts of Kentucky the snow is a foot deep. Live stock is said to have been killed in some places.

At Milton City, Ind., a gorge broke today, doing some damage to a wharft and other craft.

### Bitter Cold in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 6.—Eighteen degrees below zero was recorded officially in Kansas today, the lowest temperature in this part of the southwest in twelve years.

The intense cold wave covered Missouri, and reached into Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. A shortage of man and gas from the Kansas field caused much suffering to thousands of families in western Missouri and in eastern and central Kansas.

At Tulsa, Okla., the thermometer registered 3 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock this morning. Street thermometers recorded 18 below.

In Kansas City the weather bureau reported 4 below. Street thermometers read 10 below. Ardmore, Okla.; Fort Smith, Ark., and Abilene, Tex., reported 16 above zero.

### Snow Blockade in Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 6.—Because of a snow blockade near Grey Cliff, east of here, which is the worst in many years, no Northern Pacific passenger trains from St. Paul have reached Butte since Tuesday night. It is expected, however, that traffic on the line will be opened late today.

### Cincinnati's Heaviest Snowstorm.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—The heaviest snowstorm of the winter is raging in Cincinnati today. Early in the day from six to eight inches of snow was on the ground and it was still falling.

### Will Be Baptized.

Convicted Murderer to Be Taken From Prison to Church.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 6.—George Burge, who is to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of his wife, having been convicted on the testimony of his three-year-old daughter, will be taken from the death cell tonight to a church and baptized.

The governor, who has retrieved Burge three times, approved of the arrangement.

### Aviator Meal Hurt by Fall.

CANNES, France, Jan. 6.—An Englishman named Mead, who was operating an aeroplane of the Blériot type, fell with his machine from a height of thirty feet today. Mead was seriously injured and the aeroplane was ruined.

## SCORES ARE HURT FALLING ON ICE IN THE STREETS

Twenty or More in City Hospitals With Broken Bones and Bruises.

### SENATOR PERKINS SLIPS, WRENCHING HIS BACK

Assistant Secretary Wilson Falls Under His Automobile.

### COASTING BOYS INJURED

Half a Dozen Accidents, One of Which May Prove Fatal, Reported.

Citizens May Spread Ashes on Sidewalks.

Sixty or more persons, a score of whom are laid up in hospitals with injuries that may prove fatal, were today victims of accidents as a result of the sleet and snow which have converted the city's sidewalks and thoroughfares into sheets of ice. Only the more serious cases, including those with fractured arms and legs and brain concussion, were reported. Among the victims were Senator Perkins of California, who suffered a wrenched spine, and Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson, who sustained contusions of head and body.

Throughout the day traffic of every kind was sadly impeded, few vehicles being seen on the sleet-clogged streets. Thus far there have been no fatalities. During the latter part of the day the street cleaning department was augmented by hundreds of men working to remedy conditions.

Several coasting parties came to grief last night and today when their trucks came in contact with vehicles or other objects. A number of the victims were hurt in the hospital. Many others were removed to their homes or were so slightly hurt that assistance on the part of hospital attendants was not deemed necessary. Fractures, cuts and bruises were sustained by the victims.

Despite the slippery condition of the streets, it is said that a conference was held in getting the victims to hospitals without delay. The condition of the streets, sidewalks and hills offered every inducement to coasters and they were out in force.

### Senator Perkins' Injury.

Senator Perkins had left his apartments at Stoneleigh Court, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and was proceeding cautiously along the ice-glazed surface of the sidewalk. He had reached about half way to the street on the sidewalk leading around the side of the court at the main entrance of the apartment, when suddenly he slipped from under his feet. He struck the pavement heavily and lay for several seconds in a dazed and apparently semi-conscious condition.

John Harris, colored, employe of Dr. G. Lloyd Magruder, whose office is in Stoneleigh Court, was entering the front court at the time. He ran across the senator and helped him to his feet.

When asked if he had hurt himself the senator told the colored man he had injured his back.

Harris assisted the senator to the office of Dr. Magruder, and the patient was later able to go to his apartments, where he is under the care of Dr. Magruder.

While alighting from his automobile in front of the New Willard Hotel last night, Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, fell under the car, owing to the slippery condition of the sidewalk.

He received a slight cut on the face, and was fearfully shaken up and shocked. Dr. Wilson, who accompanied him, was badly frightened over the mishap until he was informed the accident was not serious.

### Long Chapter of Accidents.

The chapter of accidents resulting from the ice is a long one.

Edward Purcell, seventy-two years old, 1005 New Jersey avenue northwest, called at the Emergency Hospital about 9:30 o'clock this morning and asked to be treated for an injury received by falling.

The physicians found he had sustained a fracture of his right arm.

Nicholas Keblos, thirty-five years old, 304 Jackson Hall alley, was taken from his home by a physician this morning to the Emergency Hospital, and treated for a fracture of his left leg.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, fifty-six years old, 1031 Clissold alley, was taken to the Georgetown University Hospital with a leg fractured.

William H. Holbrook, thirty-two years old, New Jersey avenue, fell near the Capitol, about 10:15 o'clock, and sustained a painful scalp wound. He was treated at the Emergency Hospital.

L. Simpson, thirty-five years old, 300 I street northwest, suffering from shock and contusion of the scalp, was taken to the Emergency Hospital from in front of the National Theater about 8:30 o'clock.

### Serious Coasting Accidents.

Edwin Russ, thirty-eight years old, whose parents live at 902 G street northeast, was probably the most seriously injured, having been rendered unconscious when his sled came in contact with a taxicab.

He was coasting on 7th street northeast, only a short distance from his home, when the accident happened.

A taxicab in charge of Percy S. Kise was passing at the bottom of the hill just as the coaster reached there.

The injured boy realized the danger to the coaster, but was so near his vehicle that it was impossible for him to prevent the collision. He took charge of the injured boy and hurried him to the Casualty Hospital. The boy is suffering from bruises and probable internal injuries, and is in a serious condition.

## SHARP CRITICISM OF GLAVIS' ACTION IN COAL LAND CASE

Acted Wholly Upon Exaggerated Sense of His Own Importance.

### KEYNOTE OF FINDINGS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Intervention of Forestry Bureau Entirely Unnecessary.

### REPORT SUBMITTED TO SENATE

Allegations Against Head Officials of Interior Department in Connection With Cunningham Land Claims a Breach of Discipline.

The intervention of the forestry bureau in the handling of the Cunningham Alaska coal land claims by the Department of the Interior "is shown by the record to have been entirely unnecessary," Secretary Ballinger was scrupulously careful not in any respect to act upon these claims, and L. R. Glavis, who charged improper action on the part of the head officials of the Department of the Interior in connection with the Cunningham land claims, acted "upon a wholly exaggerated sense of his own importance," and his action in calling upon the forestry bureau was "a breach of all proper discipline."

Such are the findings of Attorney General Wickersham on the charges of improper conduct on the part of officials of the Interior Department made by L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division, as shown by papers sent to the Senate today by President Taft. The information in connection with the Glavis charges was requested of the President by the Senate. The Attorney General in his report reviews the essential particulars of the proceedings in connection with the Alaska coal land claims as far as the Cunningham land group was concerned and concludes:

"Charges Unjust and Unfounded. 'Glavis' actions appear to have been founded upon a wholly exaggerated sense of his own importance and a desire for personal advancement, rather than on any genuine desire to protect the interests of the government, and this species of megalomania has finally led him to submit to you (President Taft) charges of improper motives and conduct against his official superiors which, in my opinion, are so unjust and unfounded as to merit his immediate separation from the service.'

Regarding the intervention of the forestry bureau in the Cunningham cases, Attorney General Wickersham finds:

"The intervention of the forestry bureau, procured by Glavis, is shown by the record to have been entirely unnecessary to the protection of the interests of the United States. It was even unnecessary for reasons of economy, as a conference with Glavis concurred in the advisability of a postponement until after the completion of a field examination, although for reasons of economy from any field hearing on the Cunningham claims, as Special Agent Sheridan of the land office, who had been sent to conduct the hearing on the summer of 1908, while he was in no manner connected with the government, he had been consulted by some of the claimants with respect to the issuance of patents, and had called upon Secretary Garfield for the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of his department thereon. Neither his action nor any of his written reports, and no original papers were forwarded to him all original papers were retained by the forestry bureau, and Secretary Ballinger did not violate it, as set forth.

"The suggestion that it was unlawful for Mr. Ballinger to have any professional relation with these claimants because of his previous incumbency of the office of commissioner of the land office is, in my opinion, unsound. The statutes upon which the charge is based and the records of the government do not require that the action of the forestry bureau should be in any manner connected with the government, he had been consulted by some of the claimants with respect to the issuance of patents, and had called upon Secretary Garfield for the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of his department thereon. Neither his action nor any of his written reports, and no original papers were forwarded to him all original papers were retained by the forestry bureau, and Secretary Ballinger did not violate it, as set forth.

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